



FY 2010 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

Overview

As appropriated by the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-83), the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provided funding support for target hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that were at high risk of a terrorist attack and were located within one of the specific eligible UASI Urban Areas. The program provided funding specifically to high-risk nonprofit organizations and sought to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader State and local preparedness efforts. The program was also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, State and local government agencies, and Citizen Corps Councils.

In FY 2010, DHS awarded \$19 million for target hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack and located within one of the specific eligible UASI Urban Areas.

Funding

In FY 2010, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program was \$19,000,000. Each nonprofit organization was eligible to apply through their State Administrative Agency (SAA) for up to a \$75,000 grant award. The FY 2010 NSGP funds were allocated to high-risk nonprofit organizations, as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Title 26 of the U.S.C., and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code.

Eligibility

Applicants eligible to apply for and administer funds under the FY 2010 NSGP were State Administrative Agencies (SAAs) on behalf of nonprofit organizations. Eligible nonprofit organizations (as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code) that were at high risk of a terrorist attack and located within one of the specific FY 2010 UASI-eligible Urban Areas were required to provide their applications to their respective SAA. Applicants were required to satisfy the eligibility requirements to apply for grants through their SAA.

Allowable Costs

FY 2010 NSGP allowable costs were focused on target hardening activities. Thus, funding can be used for the acquisition and installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and improvements) owned or leased by the nonprofit organization, specifically in prevention of and/or protection against the risk of a terrorist attack. This equipment was limited to two categories of items on the Authorized Equipment List (AEL): Physical Security Enhancement Equipment (Category 14) and Inspection and Screening Systems (Category 15). See published FEMA NSGP Grant Guidance for more detailed information. The period of performance for NSGP is 36 months from the date of award.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

Applications were reviewed through a two-phased State and Federal review process for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the Investment Justification addressed the identified risk. Additionally, FY 2010 NSGP evaluation criteria included items such as:

- Identification and substantiation of prior threats or attacks (from within or outside the U.S.) by a terrorist organization, network, or cell against the applicant
- Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized national or historical institution(s) that renders the site as possible target of terrorism
- Role of the applicant nonprofit organization in responding to terrorist attacks
- Findings from previously conducted threat and/or vulnerability assessments
- Integration of nonprofit preparedness with broader State and local preparedness efforts to include coordination with the Citizen Corps Council
- Complete, feasible Investment Justifications that address an identified risk, including threat and vulnerability